

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLEETWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY #1

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Berks County, Pennsylvania on its 100th anniversary of exemplary service to the Borough of Fleetwood by setting the gold standard for personnel training, emergency services, and community involvement. This is a great milestone and a considerable accom-

plishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 100 years, the men and women of the Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of the Borough of Fleetwood and Berks County. The nearly 70 active members of the Company bear the responsibility for firefighting, rescue and EMS services for the Borough of Fleetwood and surrounding areas. These courageous volunteers have received extensive training in fire suppression, automobile extrication, general rescue, first aid, hazardous materials, aerial operations, and fire police duties.

In addition to training and serving the community during emergencies, Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company is also extremely active in various community events, including funding high school graduation scholarships, providing fire prevention programs at local schools, assisting in traffic control during special events, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), and the Prom Night Out program.

Mr. Speaker, in light of its 100 years of outstanding service to the greater Fleetwood area, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Company #1 for its invaluable contributions to the quality of life and safety of the citizens of Berks County, Pennsylvania.